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RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA)
Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of
1996; Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Director Tate:

This letter is to formally notify the Authority that my clients, KMC Telecom, Inc. III and KMC Telecom, Inc. V have decided not to participate in the hearings in the matter scheduled for August 6-August 9, 2002. However, KMC will monitor the proceedings and wishes to continue receiving copies of notices and other filings. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



H. LaDon Baltimore
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cc: John D. McLaughlin, Jr., KMC Telecom
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